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**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF BUNGOMA**  
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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Emmanuel Situma] in the Chair)

**PRAYER**

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR**

Honourable members, I wish to make the following communications about briefings and interrogations of the financial statements.

Honourable members, you are hereby requested to avail yourselves for the financial statements briefings scheduled to take place tomorrow, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of May 2026, starting from 9:30 a.m. Kindly take up your seats please.

*(Members standing at the door take up their seats)*

Further, Members are informed that the interrogation sessions on the financial statements will commence on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 and continue to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. In view of the importance of this exercise in strengthening accountability, transparency, and oversight, all Members are encouraged to avail themselves fully and participate actively throughout the sessions.

Honourable members are reminded that the House and its committees must take seriously, particularly in the execution of the oversight mandate bestowed upon the Assembly by law. The effectiveness and credibility of the Assembly depends on the commitment, preparedness, and active participation of the members during the critical engagements. Equally, Honourable members, I call upon members to dress formally or dress smart casual during the sessions.

I don't want to point out what I have been seeing members dressing up in very interesting t-shirts with round necks. This is therefore a call for serious dedication and responsibility as we undertake this important constitutional duty. The first committee will be sitting from 9:00 a.m. and on Monday you will be starting interrogations again at around 8.30 a.m. Now, if you will be

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here at 10:00 a.m., you will find your committee briefs are over, and that Monday you will start asking questions irrelevant to the brief that you were given on Friday.

So kindly be available for your interrogations. The rest will talk behind the tent.

## PAPERS

### REPORT OF THE SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ENERGY, AND INDUSTRIALIZATION ON THE STATUS OF COMPLETION OF BUNGOMA COUNTY AGGREGATION INDUSTRIAL PARK

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Alice Kibaba, I'm trying to get your microphone. Please proceed.

**Hon. Alice Kibaba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I arise to table a report of Trade, Energy, and Industrialization Committee report on the status of Completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

*(Hon. Alice Kibaba tables the report)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members, the report by the Committee on Trade, Energy, and Industrialization on the Status of the Completion of the Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park report is now tabled and formally becomes the report of the House accordingly.

## NOTICES OF MOTION

### REPORT OF THE SECTORAL OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE, ENERGY AND INDUSTRIALIZATION ON THE STATUS OF COMPLETION OF THE BUNGOMA COUNTY AGGREGATION AND INDUSTRIAL PARK

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Alice, you proceed and issue a notice accordingly.

**Hon. Alice Kibaba:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I rise to issue a notice that this House adopts the report of the Sectoral of the Committee on Trade, Energy, and Industrialization on the Status of Completion of Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, a notice of motion has been dully issued by the Sectoral of the Committee on Trade, Energy, and Industrialization on the Status of Completion of Bungoma County Aggregation and Industrial Park.

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I urge the table clerks to share the said report with the House of Members. The same will be coming up as a motion on the Order Paper once scheduled by the HBC.

**QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**  
**WEEKLY BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 20<sup>TH</sup> TO**  
**THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY, 2026**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Honourable Member from HBC to share. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, you are a senior member of the committee and you are behaving as if nothing is happening. It's not that it has to be Hon. Ipara or Hon. Psero.

Honourable members Order!

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I have been sick, but I'm not very tired and I'm not very sick. I'm just sick.

**Mr. Speaker:** You know, Hon. Wafula Waiti is sitting there. When you say you are sick, you are not so sick, he will ask, are you able to take some porridge or not

**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** A little bit. Therefore, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Sir, for giving me this time to go through the HBC weekly business for the week commencing Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2026.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. session**

**Order of Business**

**Statements and Responses**

The Chairperson and Sector Committee on Lands, Urban, Fiscal Planning and Housing to respond to the following

1. Statement by the Member of Chesikaki Ward Hon. Jacob Psero. This is in relation to the state of or lack thereof land belonging to the County government.
2. Statement by the Member of Chesikaki Ward Hon. Jacob Psero. This is in relation to the land registration for Kabchebuk ECD Center in Chesikaki Ward

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. session**

**Order of Business**

**Motion**

1. Report on the Sectoral Committee on the Health Services on the implementation status of the SHA and FIF Acts in the County.

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. session**

**Order of Business**

**Motion**

Report on the Sectoral Committee on Trade, Energy and Industrialization on the status of Completion of Bungoma County Aggregation Industrial Park.

**Questions and statements**

Member of House Business Committee shall inform the House of the weekly business of the House for the week commencing Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable Members that is the tentative program of the house starting from Wednesday and the Thursday next week.

Next item,

**RESPONSE REGARDING MEDICAL INSURANCE COVER FOR COUNTY  
EXECUTIVE EMPLOYEES**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, Hon. Bridgit Katasi, proceed. Now before you proceed, who is standing in for Hon. Johnston Ipara? Yes Hon. Joseph Nyongesa is standing in for Hon. Johnston Ipara, proceed.

I always reserve such comments in such situation; I hope nobody sees what you have done because if you are ISO certified and you are behaving that way, it's now something else.

**Hon. Bridgit Katasi:** Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I'm here on behalf of the Chair Sectoral Committee on Public Administration and ICT to give a report to the statement sought by a member for Tongaren Ward regarding medical insurance cover for County Executive employees. Honourable Speaker, the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Order No. 54 provides that the Chairperson of the Committee shall submit a progress report to the House on questions;

- a) Referred to the committee.

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- b) Replied to which the committee has directed a County Executive Committee Member to provide additional information on further reply and
- c) Pending before the committee.

On Thursday 26th February, 2026 at 2.30 p.m., the Honourable Member for Tongaren Ward through a statement to the Chairperson of the Committee on Public Administration and ICT sought a response regarding the medical insurance cover for County Executive staff for financial year 2025/2026.

The committee deliberated on the statement and resolved to seek a response from the County Executive Committee Member for Public Service Management and ICT.

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members consult in low tone please.

**Hon. Bridgit Katasi:** Subsequently, a response reference CG / BGM / PSMA and ICT / CCM / CA/ Vol. 4(26) was submitted to the committee for review.

The committee noted the dissatisfaction with the responses provided observing that most lacked adequate supporting evidence.

Consequently, the Committee invited the Chief Officer - Public Service and ICT together with the General Manager, Transnep Insurance Brokers who appeared before the committee on 3rd April, 2026 in the presence of the owner of the statement and responded as follows;

### **1. Contract duration and performance management.**

The contract for the medical insurance was awarded to Transnep Insurance Brokers Limited at a contract sum of Kenya shillings 340,090,000 and Jubilee Insurance Company as the underwriter. The cover runs for the financial year 2025/2026 with provisions for performance review and possible review subject to satisfactory service delivery and compliance with procurement regulations. The contract signed covered a total of 6,029 County staff on permanent and pensionable terms.

### **2. Specific benefit limits**

The detailed benefit limits for inpatient, outpatient, maternity, dental, optical and specialist care including chronic illness and cancer treatment for staff and their dependents were submitted and reviewed by the committee.

### **3. The staff co-payments and top-ups.**

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The current service agreement between the county government and the insurance does not provide for co-payments or top-ups by staff members when accessing medical services within their benefit limits.

### 3. Accredited Hospitals

A comprehensive list of accredited healthcare providers within Bungoma County and across the country was submitted to the Committee for review.

### 4. Complaints and Remedial Actions

The Chief Officer submitted that the department maintains a proactive approach to grievance redress to ensure uninterrupted access to healthcare for all staff.

Below is a summary of the common complaints registered and the specific administrative actions taken to resolve them:

S/No	Nature of Complaint	Action Taken by the Department
1.	Non-registration of Staff	Immediate administrative support provided to ensure the affected staff member is formally registered with the insurer.
2.	Addition of Beneficiaries	Facilitated the inclusion of eligible dependents onto the staff member's existing medical scheme.
3.	Missing Beneficiaries	Rectified data discrepancies to ensure all dependents are accurately captured and recognized by the service provider.
4.	Suspension of Services	The Department facilitates timely payment processing for premiums to avoid interruption of services.
5.	Non-accredited Facilities	Provided professional guidance and updated lists regarding available accredited facilities within the provider's network.
6.	Enquiries on Coverage	Conducted staff sensitization sessions to clarify the scope of services, benefit limits, and available coverage.

### 5. Oversight and Value for Money Mechanisms

To ensure the scheme remains effective and provides value for money, the Department had instituted:

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- Regular engagement meetings with the insurer to monitor service delivery and address service gaps.
- A structured payment plan to manage premiums and prevent the suspension of medical covers for employees.
- Continuous monitoring and review of utilization trends to ensure efficient use of resources.

**6. Procurement Process**

The procurement of the medical scheme was conducted in strict compliance with the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act. Supporting documentations were submitted, which included:

- Procurement Plan and Requisition Letter;
- Copy of Advertisement and Addenda 1 & 2;
- Opening and Evaluation Reports;
- Professional Opinion, Award Letter, and Acceptance Letter;
- Signed Contract and Service Level Agreement.

**7. Financial Position for FY 2025/2026**

**a. Total Funding Requirement**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (KES)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Medical Insurance Requirement (FY 2025/2026)	340,090,000	Current year premium requirement
Pending Bill – Britam Insurance	50,000,000	Outstanding obligation from previous financial year
<b>Total Funding Requirement</b>	<b>390,090,000</b>	Total funds required to meet all insurance obligations

**b. Budget Allocation and Payments**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount (KES)</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Medical Insurance Contract sum (FY 2025/2026)	340,090,000	Current year premium requirement

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Initial Budget Allocation	200,000,000	Approved in the main budget and already paid to the insurer
1st Supplementary Budget	54,000,000	Currently on IB for payment
Deficit Contract Balance	86,090,000	Not provided for in the current budget

The Committee noted that the contract sum awarded exceeded the available budget allocation, thereby resulting in the funding deficit indicated in the table above.

The Committee further observed that this concern had been highlighted in the Professional Opinion issued by the Director of Procurement, who recommended that the Chief Officer undertakes negotiations to align the contract value with the available budgetary provision.

However, despite the available budget being significantly lower than the total funding requirement, the contract was nevertheless awarded at the quoted amount.

The Committee further noted that, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act, 2015, the Chief Officer was required to formally communicate back to the Director of Procurement on the action taken regarding the recommendations contained in the Professional Opinion. This, however, was not done.

### **SUBMISSIONS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER-TRANSNEP INSURANCE COMPANY**

The General Manager of Transnep Insurance Brokers Limited submitted as follows:

1. That the insurance company is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract. However, the County Government is in breach of the contract for failure to remit payment as per the contract agreement which stated that; payment would be done in two installments ;1<sup>st</sup> installment within 60 days of policy inception, second installment due 90 days after first payment. The pending payment owed to the insurer stands at Kshs. 84 million.
2. That the total number of staff covered under the scheme was 6,229 and not 6,029 as per the contract. The list of the 6,229 staff was not submitted for review by the Committee.
3. That members of staff are not required to make any co-payments or top-ups when accessing treatment, except in instances where they seek medical services outside the approved panel or exceed the prescribed sub-limits provided for under the policy.

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4. That the total number of staff covered under the insurance scheme is 6,229 beneficiaries and not 6,029 as stated in the contract which remains within the approved contractual limit.
5. That at no point since the commencement of the contract have services to beneficiaries been suspended.
6. That the scheme covered medical expenses amounting to Kshs. 535,000 for one staff member on humanitarian grounds, despite the treatment having been sought outside the approved medical panel.

Following deliberations, the Committee thanked the Chief Officer, Public Service Management and ICT, for availing all the required information and documentation as requested by the Committee. The Committee also appreciated the General Manager of Transnep Insurance Brokers Limited for appearing before the Committee in person to respond to the issues raised.

In conclusion, the Committee expressed the need for the County Executive, in future, to consider engaging underwriters directly instead of brokers, noting that direct engagement with underwriters may be more cost-effective.

Further the Committee urged the Chief Officer to ensure there is sufficient budgetary allocation to cater for the medical insurance cover wholesomely and to avoid disruptions of the services and pending bills.

The owner of the statement expressed satisfaction with the responses and clarifications provided before the Committee. I submit

Response signed for Hon. Tony Barasa, Chairperson Committee on Public Administration and ICT.

**Mr. Speaker:** Who signed it? You're the one reading it, don't look at other members. Who signed it?

**Hon. Brigid Katasi:** The Vice chair

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it indicating anywhere?

**Hon. Brigid Katasi:** No Sir

**Mr. Speaker:** So how do we take it that it is from the committee because this is what we refused sometimes back? When you sign indicate your name.

**Hon. Brigid Katasi:** It was signed for.

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**Mr. Speaker:** For who? Who signed it? I know you are fifteen members in that committee. Who signed it? Or the Clerk of the committee?

**Hon. Brigid Katasi:** The Vice Chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** How do I know as the Speaker here?

**Hon. Brigid Katasi:** He's around

**Mr. Speaker:** No what I'm asking, is that look at the way it has been signed...you can sign for Hon. Chemion or Hon. Tony, the way it is, can you be able to tell? Who signed it? I don't expect such a thing from you Hon. Chemion. Majority Leader,

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the owner of the statement, he told me he was satisfied and he urges the department to ensure that actually our staff get services from that insurance.

**Mr. Speaker:** Next item,

#### **STATEMENT NUMBER 19 OF 2026**

Member for Lwandanyi Ward Hon. Tony Barasa to get a response from the chairperson sectoral Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes Hon. Opwora, are you ready with the response?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, I can confirm Hon. Joseph Nyongesa is standing in for Tony or you don't have instructions. Let me hear you, so that if there are no instructions we drop it.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Yes Mr. Speaker, I'm standing in

**Mr. Speaker:** Hope you have a copy of the response?

*(Laughter)*

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Hon. Nyongesa is also a member of the committee so he knows the reason.

**Mr. Speaker:** No there's nothing like knowing, if you think he knows then fix things out there without coming back here.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** But also the owner of the statement is around...

**Mr. Speaker:** Forget about him, he has somebody standing in for him. Hon. Opwora, proceed.

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**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Honourable Speaker, I have a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO)

Pursuant to Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on Tourism, Environment, Water and Natural Resources hereby presents its progress report regarding the statement sought by Hon. Tony Barasa in respect to Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO).

The statement was tabled before the Committee on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. Following this, the Committee requested a formal response from the department through a letter referenced CAB/CC/SECT/6 VOL.III (6), dated 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

In reply, the Chief Officer for Water and Natural Resources submitted a report Ref: CG/BGM/WTR/CEC/VOL.I/123 dated 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 through the Office of the Clerk to the County Assembly. The report was also shared with the owner of the statement Hon. Tony Barasa.

The Committee subsequently invited the Chief Officer to appear before it on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup>, April, 2026 to address the issues arising from the statement.

The Chief Officer submitted a letter to the office of the Clerk to the County Assembly Ref: CG/BGM/TE/CO/BCA/VOL.II (042) dated 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 requesting for rescheduling of the consultative meeting as the department was appearing before the Senate in Nairobi on the same date.

**Mr. Speaker:** This is your response luckily...even you they've signed for you Hon. Opwora...you are not yourself... They've signed for you...

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Chair... I was...

**Mr. Speaker:** Have they signed for you?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Chair, I agree

**Mr. Speaker:** They have signed for you... Who signed for you?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Hon. Cheseto...

**Mr. Speaker:** Now when you indicate attached, I'm looking at annexures it's not there, so what are you referring on the attachment annexed and it's been signed for you? Where is the attachment?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Unfortunately it was given to the owner of the statement.

**Mr. Speaker:** So it's incomplete. When you say attached on or annexed on, look at what you have just read...

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**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Honourable Speaker, you know in the statement actually we are seeking for more time, so I request that you allow me...

**Mr. Speaker:** That letter showing me that you have attached is not there...

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** I agree Honourable speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** Proceed. So next time when it comes to such you will stop where it is and bring a copy. Proceed

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** At its meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 1:00 p.m., the Committee resolved to consider the request and subsequently rescheduled the matter for deliberation on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

The Chief Officer for the Department of Water and Natural Resources, the Managing Director together with the Chairperson Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company appeared before the Committee on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 1 within the County Assembly precincts to respond to concerns raised by Hon. Tony Barasa regarding the submission of financial and non-financial reports by Bungoma Water and Sewerage Company (BWASCO).

#### **The Committee made the following Observations**

1. The company is experiencing significant water losses due to undetected leakages, illegal connections and inadequate metering systems. These inefficiencies have negatively impacted revenue collection and compromised service delivery.
2. Management failed to remit the Housing Levy and PAYE deductions to KRA, contrary to the provisions of the Employment Act, 2007 and the Income Tax Act (Cap 470).
3. Management also failed to remit pension contributions to LAPTRUST, LAPFUND and NSSF, thereby exposing employees' retirement benefits to risk and contravening the Retirement Benefits Act (Cap 197).
4. The company has accumulated substantial unpaid water bills and lacks an updated and comprehensive customer database. A customer identification and verification survey should be undertaken, alongside appropriate interventions to reduce non-revenue water and enhance recovery of outstanding water bills.

#### **The Committee resolved that:**

1. The Company should prepare and submit to the Committee a comprehensive plan for the settlement of staff deductions and statutory obligations, including remittances to LAPFUND, LAPTRUST, NSSF, SHA, and check-off loan facilities, for the Committee's consideration.

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2. The Company should submit a detailed report distinguishing the obligations attributable to BWASCO from those of NZOWASCO, in order to establish the Company's actual financial position including its revenue, pending bills and liabilities.
3. The company should prepare and submit a work plan outlining its budgetary requirements for the FY 2026/2027 together with the specific support required from the County Government.
4. The company should develop a legislation aimed at addressing challenges related to unpaid bills, weak revenue collection and non-compliance by individuals and institutions with substantial outstanding water bills who exploit perceived protection to evade payment.
5. The company should establish the total amount of outstanding water bills and submit a clear recovery framework including customer profiling and debt recovery strategy to be implemented within 6 months.
6. The company should provide detailed records of water bill payments made by the stadium, Kibabii University, Bungoma County Referral hospital and Tourist hotel for the committee's consideration.

In view of the foregoing, the Committee seeks leave of the House to be granted an extension of 21 days to consider the reports to be submitted by the department, finalize its report and report to the Honorable House.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Opwora, before inviting the owner of the statement to respond, look at your very nice resolutions. There is no timeframe, it is just blank. It can even go for two years but again down here you are saying you be given 21 days to consider those reports, how do you reconcile those items?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Honorable Speaker, actually it has not been noted here on the document but in our discussions...

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Opwora, you are reporting to the House!

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Yes, I agree by virtue that we have requested 21 days as a committee. We have also given timelines to the department.

**Mr. Speaker:** Make me understand as the Chair here. You want 21 days to look at the documents from the department. How long have you given them to submit those reports?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** We have given them 14 days.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it by word of mouth or how do we understand it?

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**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Hon. Speaker that is why at committee level, I know there is an omission of the time line, we had given to the department but we have requested the House for 21 days.

**Mr. Speaker:** What was the hurry for you to have omitted 14 days in your report?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Hon. Speaker, it is an oversight and man is to error.

**Mr. Speaker:** Those are what we call flimsy excuses. You want 21 days?

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Yes, Honorable Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I will give you 4<sup>th</sup> of June for your feedback.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** I am not able to calculate exactly.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have given you from my diary this side. I have done my computation with my table clerks and given you 21 days. I expect feedback on 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker

**Mr. Speaker:** But these minor omissions won't pass next time.

**Hon. Edwin Opwora:** Thank you, Hon. Speaker. The report will be water tight.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am here.

Next item,

**STATEMENT 20 OF 2026: MEMBER FOR KIBINGEI WARD HON. AGGREY MULONGO TO GET A RESPONSE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON LANDS, URBAN, PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING**

**Mr. Speaker:** Yes, that response from the committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing. Hon. Aggrey Mulongo, do you have the response? Yes, Hon. Waiti!

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Hon. Speaker...

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I am not even having your response. Equally it is signed for by somebody not even the owner. Signed by somebody for Johnston Ipara, proceed!

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you Hon. Speaker for allowing me on behalf of the committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing, read a progress report on the statement raised by Hon. Aggrey Mulongo on the status of Bungoma and Kimilili municipalities.

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Hon. Speaker, Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 54(a) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, the Committee on lands, Urban, Physical Planning and Housing hereby submits its progress report on a statement raised by Hon. Aggrey Mulongo in respect to the status of Bungoma and Kimilili Municipalities.

The statement sought a response on the budgetary allocations for the two Municipalities for FY 2023/2024, 2024/2025 and 2025/2026, external funding and projects including the total amount received from the World Bank under Kenya Urban Support Program(KUSP), A comprehensive list of successfully executed Ward-based projects in the FY 2023/2024, Reasons for the prolonged delay in achieving full administrative and financial autonomy for the two Municipalities and justification for the failure to full substantive Municipal Manager Posts as provided for in Urban Areas and Cities Act.

The Committee during its internal meetings considered the statement, and requested for response from the concerned department. The department did respond to the issues raised in the statement and the committee shared the response with the owner of the statement for consideration.

The committee then interrogated the department on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 in the presence of the owner of the statement where the following was submitted:

**1. Budgetary allocations for the three financial years**

The budgetary allocations were as follows;

**Bungoma Municipality**

<b>Vote</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	
<b>Recurrent</b>	68,817,666	55,949,973	44,248,371	
<b>Development</b>	80,000,000	216,564,925	100,783,414	
<b>Total</b>	148,817,666	272,514,898	145,031,785	

In the Financial year 2023/24, the approved 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget was Kshs. 192.125,073 (Kshs. 23,025,073 recurrent and Kshs. 169,100,000 development). The variance is Kshs. 43,307,407 (Kshs. -45,792,593 recurrent and Kshs. 89,100,000 development)

Financial year 2024/25, the approved 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget was Kshs. 272,488,241 (Kshs. 55,922,317 recurrent and Kshs. 216,565,924 development). The variance being Kshs. -26,657 (Kshs. -27,656 on recurrent and Kshs. 999 on development)

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Financial 205/26 approved first supplementary Kshs. 142,336,513 (Kshs. 41,553,099 recurrent and Kshs. 88,517,684 development). The variance is Kshs. -2,695,272 all recurrent.

**Kimilili Municipality**

<b>Vote</b>	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
<b>Recurrent</b>	39,439,632	42,698,217	46,442,260	
<b>Development</b>	112,000,000	57,980,097	67,239,549	
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,439,632</b>	<b>100,678,314</b>	<b>113,681,809</b>	

In the Financial year 2023/24, the approved 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget was Kshs. 150,700,008 (Kshs. 29,045,268 recurrent and Kshs. 121,654,740 development). The variance being Kshs. 739,624 (Kshs. 10,394,364 recurrent and Kshs. -9,654,740 development)

Financial year 2024/25, the approved 2<sup>nd</sup> supplementary budget was Kshs. 95,337,575 (Kshs. 42,678,680 recurrent and Kshs. 52,658,895 development). The variance being Kshs. -5,340,739 (Kshs. -19,537 recurrent and Kshs. -5,321,202 development).

Financial 205/26 approved first supplementary has no variance from the submission.

**2. Conditional grants within the same period**

Over the period, the following is the summary of the grants allocation per financial year;

<b>Municipality</b>	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	
<b>Bungoma</b>	0	55,065,924	55,070,504	
<b>Kimilili</b>	0	45,368,215	45,369,982	
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,434,139</b>	<b>100,440,486</b>	

**3. Ward Based Projects executed in 2023/24**

The Ward Based Project allocation for 2023/24 were Kshs. 68,400,000 for Bungoma Municipality (Township, Khalaba, and Musikoma Wards) and Kshs. 89,154,740 for Kimilili Municipality (Kibingei, Kimilili, Maeni, and Kamukuywa Wards)

**4. Administrative autonomy**

The Chief Officer submitted that the two Municipalities have opened recurrent bank accounts through the Central Bank of Kenya while the development accounts are being worked on.

On transfer of functions, the Chief Officer submitted that the CEC Lands had submitted a memorandum to Cabinet for approval of transfer of 17 functions.

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**Conclusion:**

The committee made the following observation and conclusion;

1. It was not clear and neither disclosed to the committee on who were the signatories and operating the recurrent bank accounts opened through the Central Bank of Kenya.
2. The department wrote a memorandum to the cabinet requesting for transfer of functions to the two Municipalities. It was not clear if the memorandum reached the cabinet because the copy supplied to the committee is not dated and signed by the CECM lands.
3. On transfer of functions, it was long overdue and there seem to be no goodwill from the County Executive to act on the so called memorandum by the department.
4. There are no substantive managers in place so far, the department submitted evidence of communication to the cabinet for an intent to recruit substantive managers. There was no evidence of subsequent communication or response from the cabinet.

The committee and the owner of the statement were not satisfied with the response until further documentation and evidence to clarify the aforementioned issues are submitted by the department.

The committee has committed to make a follow-up on the matter and seeks two weeks' leave to make a follow-up and ensure compliance with all the commitments made by the department.

Thank you. Signed for on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026.

**Mr. Speaker:** Who has signed?

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** It is not indicated.

**Mr. Speaker:** May be even the committee clerk signed

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** But the clerk has told me that it is the vice chair.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti, no! Is it having any name?

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** That is verbal Hon. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** If I say even the sergeant signed can you prove me wrong.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** No.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti, kindly you can resume. Let me hear Hon. Aggrey.

**Hon. Wafula Waiti:** Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am trying to get your microphone. Proceed!

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**Hon. Aggrey Mulongo:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker Sir. I am not satisfied with the response and therefore we have settled for two weeks for them to come up with all these documents because whatever we were asking, they never brought even a single document to us, therefore, the committee decided to give the Executive 2 weeks to come up with those documents, if not then we shall...thank you Speaker

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Waiti, if I am giving you 2 weeks as a committee, when do I expect your feedback? ...You have the microphone

**Hon. Waiti Wafula:** Honorable Speaker, I am at your disposal, we have sought for 2 weeks but from your position you can give direction on the same.

**Mr. Speaker:** Can I make it 7 days?

**Hon. Waiti Wafula:** Honourable Speaker, with the exercise ahead of us, you can even give us up to 21 days, like you did for Tourism Committee ...

**Mr. Speaker:** They were very clear; they sought for 21 days. You are not asking for 21 days. I give you 14 days for your internal working but on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, we want feedback from you because the owner is not satisfied.

**Hon. Waiti Wafula:** Okay

**Mr. Speaker:** Next item?

## MOTION

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPLEMENTATION ON THE TRAINING FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE CPST

**Mr. Speaker:** Can you lay the basis of your membership? Why I am asking is last time you didn't even have a seconder; can I have the membership confirmed? Hon. Chikati...

**Hon. Timothy Chikati:** Present sir

*(Laughter)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chikati, I thought they prayed for you and you stopped taking what you were taking. Hon. Grace, you are not in that committee. Let me read the membership of this committee; Hon. Tim Chikati, Jeremiah Kuloba, Aggrey Mulongo, Ali Machani, Vitalis Wangila, Iddi Chemawi, Alfred, Abraham Obama and Hon. Catherine. Proceed.

If you do not proceed today, you will have no retreat until you finish this report, so proceed.

*(Loud consultation)*

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Out of 11 they are 6 plus and so they have the quorum, proceed.

**Hon. Catherine Kituyi:** I rise to move a motion by the Committee on Implementation on the training for members of the Implementation committee

### **Executive Summary**

The implementation committee participated in capacity training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) aimed at the strengthening member's knowledge and skills in oversight, monitoring and evaluation and tracking of the house resolutions.

The training was timely and relevant to the committee's mandate of ensuring that resolutions passed by the County Assembly are effectively implemented by the County Executive and relevant entities. This report contains observations and recommendations which this house is called upon to consider and approve to find authority for implementation.

### **Background**

On 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, the Implementation committee participated in a specialized training programme at the Centre of Parliamentary Studies (CPST) aimed at strengthening institutional capacity enhancing oversight effectiveness, and deepening understanding of parliamentary governance processes. The training was designed to equip the members of the Committee on Implementation with the advanced knowledge and practical tools to improve the execution, monitoring and evaluation of the Implementation committee mandates. The training provided a structured platform for examining best practices in the legislative scrutiny, accountability mechanisms, stakeholder engagements and performance tracking within the County Assembly systems.

The programme brought together facilitators, subject matter experts and parliamentary practitioners who shared comparative experiences and case studies drawn from various jurisdictions through interactive sessions, group discussions and scenario based exercises, members of the committee were able to reflect critically on existing operational challenges and identify actionable strategies to enhance committees performance .

Key areas covered during the training included:

1. Enhanced County Assembly oversight
2. Committee role and scope of work
3. Scrutiny of County Assembly adopted reports
4. Implementation of laws made in the County Assembly
5. Tools for monitoring against the County Executive Committee Members
6. Importance of County Assembly Oversight
7. Sanctions against members of the County Executive Committee

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8. Leadership and managing the Monitoring and evaluation within the implementation Committee.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee on Implementation as currently constituted comprises the following Members;

- |                          |          |                   |
|--------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1. Hon. Timothy Chikati  |          | Chairperson       |
| 2. Hon. Jeremiah         | Kuloba   | Vice chair person |
| 3. Hon. Aggrey           | Mulongo  | Member            |
| 4. Hon. Vitalis          | Wangila  | Member            |
| 5. Hon. Ali              | Machani  | Member            |
| 6. Hon. Franklin Simotwo |          | Member            |
| 7. Hon. Catherine        | Kituyi   | Member            |
| 8. Hon. Mildred Barasa   |          | Member            |
| 9. Hon. Idd              | Owongo   | Member            |
| 10. Hon. Alfred          | Mukhanya | Member            |
| 11. Hon. Abraham         | Obama    | Member            |

### **The Mandate of the Committee**

The mandate of the Committee is outlined in Standing Order 212.

### **Acknowledgement**

May I take this opportunity to thank your office and that of Clerk of the County Assembly for the invaluable support that led towards the successful training for the members of the implementation committee? To the CPST trainers, I extend the gratitude for delivering insightful and practical sessions and to the secretariat team for their dedication and seamless logistical arrangements.

**Hon. Speaker**, it is therefore my privilege, on behalf of the Committee on Implementation to present the report to the County Assembly for considerations and approval of the recommendations herein.

The report is signed by Hon. Timothy Chikati, Chairperson - Implementation Committee.

### **Contents of the Training at the Centre for Parliamentary Studies**

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**Key areas covered during the training included:**

**1. Enhanced County Assembly oversight**

Enhanced County Assembly oversight by the committee on implementation refers to the strengthened role of the committee on implementation in ensuring that resolutions, motions and laws passed by the County Assembly are effectively executed by the County Assembly Executive. The Committee closely monitors implementation progress, follow-up on the pending actions, demands status reports from relevant departments and holds officials accountable for delays or noncompliance by systematic tracking of decisions and requiring of regular reporting. The Implementation Committee promotes transparency, improves service delivery, prevents policy stagnation and ensures the County Assembly legislative and oversight mandates translate into tangible outcomes for citizen's satisfaction.

The County Assembly Standing Order 212 (4) clearly provides the scope of the committee; however, the Committee noted some discrepancies in S.O. 212 -in the mandate of the Implementation and proposed for some amendments for consideration by the Committee on Procedure and House Rules as follows:

**i. Introduction**

The Committee on Implementation was first established under the Interim Standing Orders of the First County Assembly of Bungoma. This mandate was subsequently carried forward into the 1st and 2nd editions of the Standing Orders.

Currently, the mandate of the Committee is provided for under **Standing Order 212 (4)**.

**i. Definition of Key Terms**

To ensure a clear understanding of the Committee's mandate, the following terms are defined:

- **Select Committee:** *Black's Law Dictionary* defines a Select Committee as a small group of legislative members appointed to investigate, examine, and report on a specific bill, topic, or issue referred to them by the main body.

*Note:* In this context, "Select Committee" encompasses all committees established under the Bungoma County Assembly Standing Orders, whether they are Sectoral or Standing Committees.

- **Relevant Committee:** This refers to a specific committee with the proper jurisdiction, authority, and connection to the subject matter, inquiry, or legislative issue currently under consideration.

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**ii. The Role of Committees in the Legislature**

Committees are vital organs in the working processes of a legislature. Without them, proceedings would grind to a halt due to the sheer volume of business. Committees act as agents that enable legislatures to organize work efficiently, performing numerous activities simultaneously and expeditiously.

**iii. Classification of Select Committees (Senate Comparison)**

For context, Select Committees (as seen in the Senate model) typically comprise:

1. **Housekeeping Committees:** (e.g., House Business Committee, Procedure and Rules Committee, Liaison Committee).
2. **Standing Committees:** Committees assigned specific subject matters ( for case County assembly these are sectoral committees.)
3. **Sessional Committees:** Committees such as County Public Accounts and Investments or Delegated Legislation.

*Note:* A "Session" refers to the sittings of the House commencing after a General Election or as provided in the Standing Orders, terminating at the end of a calendar year. Members usually serve for the duration of the Session.

**Joint Committees:** Established by a resolution of both Houses or by law (e.g., Mediation Committees under Article 113 of the Constitution).

**Special and Ad Hoc Committees:** Created to investigate specific matters (e.g., impeachment proceedings). Their mandate expires upon the submission of their report

**Committee proposed amendment to the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders:**

**a) AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER 205(2)**

Standing Order 205 (2) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders is amended by deleting the words “to the relevant committee of the County Assembly” appearing immediately after the word “Report” and substituting therefor with the words “Committee on Implementation.”

**The amended Standing Order 205 (2) shall read as follows:**

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*“Within sixty days of a resolution of the House or adoption of a report of a select committee, the relevant County Executive Committee Member under whose portfolio the implementation of the resolution falls, shall provide a report to the Committee on Implementation in accordance with Article 183(3) of the Constitution.”*

**Justification:**

To provide clarity and avoid misinterpretation of the phrase “relevant committee of the County Assembly,” ensuring all implementation reports are centralized through the Committee on Implementation for effective oversight.

**b) AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER 212(5)**

Standing Order 212(5) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders is amended by deleting the words “report to the relevant select committee on implementation status” appearing immediately after the word “to” and substituting therefor with the words “submit an implementation status report within stipulated timelines.”

**The amended Standing Order 212(5) shall read as follows:**

*“The Committee may propose to the House, sanctions against any Member of the County Executive Committee who fails to submit an implementation status report within stipulated timelines without justifiable reasons.”*

**Justification:**

To streamline the reporting process and reinforce the accountability of County Executive Committee Members by making the failure to adhere to specific timelines a clear ground for sanctions

**2. Committee role and scope of work**

The scope of work of the Implementation Committee includes tracking the status of all approved recommendations by the house, demanding progress reports from the relevant departments of the County Government and other state departments, verifying actual implementation on the ground, interrogating the implementing accounting officers and presenting feedback reports to the County Assembly with recommendations/sanctions. The committee also identifies delays or non-compliance and recommends corrective actions and ensures accountability by summoning responsible officials where necessary. In general the committee ensures the effectiveness of the Assembly’s decisions by ensuring they translate into practical results that benefit the public. -  
**S.O. 212 (4)**

**3. Scrutiny of County Assembly adopted reports**

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The training emphasized for the implementation committee to consider the implementation scrutiny with emphasis on to the constitutional provisions of separations of power, devolution and approved budgets.

The approach is depended on the nature of the resolution in this case , advisory, policy direction , budgetary, investigative, disciplinary or administrative action. The following steps shall be involved by the committee in ensuring effective implementation scrutiny process:

- a) Categorize the resolutions according to nature of the resolution and the implementing entity.
- b) Analyze/ asses the constitutional competence of the resolutions.
- c) Asses the statutory authority.
- d) Examine the alignment with the Constitution provisions of the devolved functions and if there's budgetary provisions.
- e) Invite the implementing/ accounting officer with clear issues to be addressed in the assessment of the implementation status. The invite should give sufficient timelines as provided for in the Standing Order's
- f) Ensure the responses are availed earlier before the date of interrogation to allow the analysis of the responses for members' information prior to the interrogation day.

In summary, a clear scrutiny framework is necessary to ensure that County Assembly resolutions are lawful, constitutionally compliant, financially sustainable, administratively feasible and effectively implementable. Without structured steps, governance becomes inconsistent, vulnerable to legal challenges and inefficient.

#### **4. Implementation of laws made in the County Assembly**

The training focused on the Pre-Publication Scrutiny, Governor's assent or refusal to assent and how to scrutinize the Governors Executive Orders

##### **Pre-publication scrutiny**

Pre-publication scrutiny is the formal review and examination of the legislative proposal before its officially published, tabled in the house or implemented, this is basically to ensure that its legally compliant, procedural, accurate and in line with other existing laws.

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The mandate of the implementation committee is focused on post legislative scrutiny. The Committee focuses on the how the laws passed by the house are being implemented and of emphasis the enactment and implementation of the regulations.

The committee on Implementation has the mandate to review the Governors pronouncements to ensure that executive statements are lawful, practical, budgeted for and aligned with the County Assembly's approved Government plans. .

## **5. Tools for monitoring against the County Executive Committee Members**

Monitoring of the County Executive is a systematic process by which the County Assembly tracks, evaluate and ensures the performance, accountability and compliance of the CEC Members with the law, policies and the County Assembly resolutions.

The following are the tools for effective County Assembly Oversight:

### **Legislative tools**

**Committee System-** There exist the sectoral and watch dog committees in the County Assembly that exercise oversight. The Implementation Committee is the Watch dog Committee that examines the Executive actions on the House resolutions and issue sanctions where a CEC fails to comply.

**Legislative Instruments-** These are formal tools, laws, or regulatory measures that a County Assembly uses to exercise control, oversight and Accountability over the County Executive and its departments. These tools are: Bills, Motions, and Resolutions that demand accountability from the accounting officers. In general, these are legal tools the County Assembly can wield to enforce accountability.

**Question time-** This tool allows members to ask questions to the CEC Members and departments on policy issues which are for the benefit of the electorates whom they represent.

### **Verification and engagement tools**

**Reports and Audits-** the County Assembly scrutinizes reports from the external auditors i.e. office of the auditor General (OAG), Performance audits and Financial Statements. The resolutions of the referred reports are solely followed up by the implementation committee save for departmental financial statements which fall under the mandate of the sectoral committees.

**Public Participation-** Public Participation is a key mechanism through which a county Assembly ensures accountability , transparency and responsiveness of the County Executive, the training emphasized on engaging citizens in the monitoring and evaluation of house resolutions

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on the implementation of County Projects and services so as to hold accountable the Executives.

## **6. Importance of County Assembly Oversight**

County Assembly ensures fiscal responsibility, prevents corruption, and strengthens accountability mechanisms by ensuring public officials and departments act transparently and responsibly in managing County resources and executing their duties. This creates clear lines of responsibility and consequence for mismanagement, and protects public trust by strengthening citizen confidence through transparent reporting that demonstrates commitment to effective Governance.

- I. **Article 183(3) of the Constitution of Kenya (2010)** provides that, the County Executive Committee Member shall provide the County Assembly with full and regular reports on matters relating to the county.
- II. **Article 185(1) of the Constitution of Kenya (2010)** provides that, legislative authority of a county is vested in and exercised by its County Assembly
- III. **Article 183 of the Constitution of Kenya (2010)**-A county executive shall **implement** county legislation, national legislation to the extent that the legislation so requires and may prepare **proposed legislation** for consideration by the County Assembly.

## **7. Sanctions against members of the County Executive Committee**

### **Mandate of the Committee (SO.212(5**

- The Committee may propose to the House, sanctions against any Member of the County Executive Committee who fails to report to the relevant Select Committee on implementation status without justifiable reasons.
  - A resolution has the import of inviting the Assembly to take a decision that is binding to itself or the authorities responsible for implementation.
  - Primary purpose is to achieve specific measurable goals as a County Assembly cannot transact business in vain-service delivery to the people
  - A sanction is a measure, typically economic or political, enacted by an authority to enforce law or encourage specific behavior.
  - May be issued by the Assembly as part of a system of checks and balances.
  - The exact nature of the sanctions is not explicitly defined in the Standing Orders
8. **Leadership and managing the Monitoring and evaluation within the implementation Committee** -is critical in ensuring full resolutions of the house.

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To perform this role effectively strong leadership and management of Monitoring and Evaluation system are essential. The effectiveness of the implementation committee largely depends on the strength, professionalism and technical competence of its secretariat, while committee members provide oversight and leadership, the secretariat provide technical administrative and analytical back bone that drives monitoring and Evaluation and follow up process. Strengthening the secretariat ensures that oversight is evidence based , timely and impactful. The strengthened secretariat will enhance quality of the reports and analysis, improve tracking of the resolutions, ensure proper documentation, support data -driven decision making with little delays in follow ups that eventually improve accountability mechanisms.

### **Lessons Learned**

1. The training content was relevant to the mandate of the implementation committee to the extent of its expansion outlining the modules on the Monitoring and Evaluation, result based management and oversight tools.
2. That the mandate of the committee under Standing Order No. 212 conflicts the Role of the Implementation committee on the follow-up of the house resolutions and that of the sectoral committees
3. The training emphasized practical tools such as implementation tracking matrices and performance indicators in the execution of the committee’s oversight role
4. The Committee gained improved understanding of the their constitutional and legislative oversight and administrative management
5. The committee finds that knowledge gained must be institutionalized within the secretariat to avoid reliance solely on members. There’s need for development of a standard operating procedure for tracking resolutions.
6. Gaps were identified during the training where the committee observed that there are delays of implementation reports by the County Executive, weak coordination between committees on cross cutting house resolutions
7. The committee further noted that for effective follow-up on the implementation of the house resolutions, there require adequate budgetary allocations to cater for field visits and verification exercise and finally report writings.
8. The County Assembly administration should enhance the staffing levels to oversight committees by technical teams in financial analysis and audit to effectively track implementation of the resolutions implemented by the accounting officers.

### **Committee recommendation and conclusion**

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1. There's need for approval of an implementation tracking framework matrix incorporating clear indicators, timelines, responsible accounting officers and reporting frequency status-  
*copy attached*
2. The CASB administratively enhance the secretariat to the implementation committee by considering fiscal analysts and auditors for efficiency.
3. The LPCS and the CS departments to develop standard operating procedures to be guiding the oversight committees and sectoral committees in the follow up on the house resolutions.
4. The County Assembly committee on procedure and house rules in its mandate of reviewing the Standing Orders , to align S.O.212 (4) to expressly give the mandate of following up on the house resolutions to be for the Implementation committee.
5. That the coordination mechanism with the Sectoral committees to conduct joint monitoring exercise where the resolutions are cross -cutting
6. The Budgetary increment be considered for the Implementation committee to facilitate field visits and support stake holder engagements on the implementation status of County Projects and services offered that are under scrutiny.

### **Conclusion**

The committee appreciates the training provided at the CPST and acknowledges its relevance in strengthening oversight and implementation tracking. The committee further emphasizes for the training outcomes to translate into measurable institutional improvement, the recommendations outlined above should be implemented in a structured manner.

It's now my honor to call upon my able Chair to second the report. Thank you.

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Catherine. Hon. Tim Chikati.

**Hon. Tim Chikati:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me to congratulate Hon. Catherine for reading the report eloquently and the Implementation Committee for the work done. This committee is key in ensuring that reports from other Sectoral committees are acted upon. Secondly, this committee points out delays, the lack of funds or corruption affecting County projects and recommend solutions.

With that it is key since follow up on what other sector committees are doing and report back to this House, it is key to coordinate with other sector committees to conduct a joint monitoring exercise where resolutions cut across. With this, we avoid a duplication of work since this

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committee is following up implementation status for the projects and programs from the other sector committees. So if there is any program or project that is cutting-across it's key to work jointly to avoid duplication.

This is a committee that almost or even way above the Committee of PAC but you will find that we are underfunded and that's why in our report, we have suggested for a budgetary increment to facilitate field visits to support stakeholder engagements on the implementation status of County projects and services offered that are under scrutiny.

Finally, you will find that as you have heard from the report, this is the only committee that can issue sanctions to the CECs that have failed to report to various sector committees.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chikati, let me get you rightly; are you saying other committees don't issue sanctions?

**Hon. Tim Chikati:** But this committee is more powerful.

**Mr. Speaker:** Let me ask you, because I am aware that under these Standing Orders all committees have powers equal to the one of the High Court, so you are explaining to me that others committees are just hopeless.

**Hon. Tim Chikati:** Honorable Speaker, you are a lawyer, if the case fails in the High Court, it is taken to the Court of Appeal.

**Mr. Speaker:** What are you trying to say?

**Hon. Tim Chikati:** Which is the court of the high court, if the case fails in the high court then it is taken to the Court of Appeal now the Committee of Implementation is in the same status

*(Laughter)*

Yes I am right.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Chikati, I think the medical cover of the Assembly is working and we need to do something about it, proceed.

**Hon. Tim Chikati:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With those few remarks, I beg to second .

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Thank you Hon. Catherine for moving the committee report and Hon. Tim Chikati the chair of the committee for seconding the report of the committee.

*(Question proposed)*

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Honourable members, it appears from the presentation that there are no debaters for the same, allow me proceed and be able to put a question to the motion.

*(Question put and agreed to)*

Ayes have it.

The House notes not approve, the House notes the contents of the report of the Committee accordingly. Next item.

### ALTERATION OF THE HOUSE CALENDAR

**Mr. Speaker:** Leader of Majority, proceed.

**Hon. Joseph Nyongesa:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Allow me move alteration of the House calendar that, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 31(4) of the County Assembly Standing Orders, this House alters its calendar and do now adjourn today, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, to allow the Sectoral Committees to conduct the interrogation of the Half-Year Financial Statements and Reports for the Financial Year 2025/2026 scheduled for Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2026; and that the House do resume its regular sittings on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Allow me call upon Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba to second.

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba, you have the honor of seconding this report. Trying to get your microphone...

**Hon. Jeremiah Kuloba:** Honorable Speaker, looking at the events lined ahead of us, I think it is appropriate for members to concentrate on the work of the sector committee that will be starting as from next week. I second

*(Applause)*

**Mr. Speaker:** Honourable members, allow me be able now to propose a motion for debate.

*(Question proposed)*

We will soon start introducing the sign language; I am being told the mood of the House. I will ask teachers to do that for me so that I am able to learn that sign language quickly.

Honourable Members, allow me be able to proceed and put a question to the motion.

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*(Question put and agreed to)*

Ayes have it.

The House will adjourn its sitting today and resume its sittings on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to allow members from tomorrow to have briefs on interrogations that will take place on Monday and Tuesday accordingly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Speaker:** That was the last item on the Order Paper. So we will adjourn our sitting for today and resume on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 2026.

*The House rose at 4:12 p.m.*

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